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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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INFO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, UV, SA

SUBJ: SAUDI OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO UPPER VOLTA

1. SAUDI ARABIA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN NIAMEY AL RACHACH MADE PRIVATE VISIT TO OUAGADOUGOU JANUARY 2-3 AND CALLED ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, AL ROCHACH EXPLAINED THAT HIS VISIT WAS EXPLORATORY. HE HAD TOLD LAMIZANA THAT, WHILE SAG COULD NOT PROVIDE EQUIPMENT OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IT COULD HELP UPPER VOLTA WITH FUNDS. LAMIZANA REPORTEDLY WAS RATHER VAGUE ABOUT UPPER VOLTA'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS BUT DID MENTION SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES IN LIVESTOCK, AGRICULTURE, AND HEALTH AS WELL AS ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING RAILROAD FROM OUAGA TO TAMBAO FOR MANGANESE EXPORTS AND FADA N'GOURMA-NIAMEY ROAD. LAMIZANA SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE A LIST OF UPPER VOLTA'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS PREPARED FOR AL RACHACH'S AND SAG'S CONSIDERATION. ALL RACHACH REMINDED PRESIDENT THAT SAG DID NOT ENGAGE IN FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND COULD ONLY CONSIDER PROJECTS THAT WERE READY FOR FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTATION.

2. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY, AL RACHACH DID NOT SEE ANY
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OF THE VOLTAN OFFICIALS WHO ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH

UPPER VOLTA'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE
ON THE PLANNING OF PROJECTS. IN VIEW OF THE
INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS PRESENTLY FACING THE PRESIDENT,
IT MAY BE SOMETIME BEFORE HE GETS AROUND TO RESPONDING TO
THE SAUDI INITIATIVE.
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